National Old Age Pension Scheme in Maharashtra

1500. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Persons benefited under the National Old Age Pension Scheme in Maharashtra, district-wise;

(b) whether survey under this scheme is conducted periodically; if so, when it was done last; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) The district-wise information on the number of persons benefited under National Old Age Pension Scheme (NOAPS) in Maharastra during 1998-99 is given below:-

Sl.No.	District	No. of reported beneficiries
1.	Aurangabad	8699
2.	Ahmednagar	11656
3.	Akola	10997
4.	Amaravati	9909
5.	Beed	14280
6.	Bhandara	6942
7.	Bombay	1045
8.	Bombay Suburbs	1473
9.	Buldana	8207
10	Chandrapur	4373
11.	Dhule	9290
12.	Gadchiroli	2182
13.	Jalgaon	5939
14.	Jalna	5786
15.	Kolhapur	9716
16.	Latur	19226
17.	Nagpur	19349
18.	Nandet	25334
19.	Nasik	8084
20	Osmanabad	4482

Sl.No.	District	No. of reported beneficiries
21.	Parbhani	24133
22.	Pune	5340
23.	Raigad	20273
24.	Ratnagiri	3773
25.	Sangli	3258
26.	Satara	4952
27.	Sindhudurg	3268
28.	Sholapur	10328
29.	Thane	18662
30	Wardha	13036
31.	Yavatmal	10704
	TOTAL	304696

(b) and (c) No. Sir. Periodic survey on the National Old Age Pension Scheme (NOAPS) is not conducted. There is no provision for conducting such surveys in the NSAP Guidelines.

Irrigation wells in Himachal Pradesh

1501. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of open irrigation wells provided to small and marginal farmers in Himachal Pradesh during the last two years, district-wise; and

(b) what is the number of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes and freed bonded labourers benefited under this scheme in the State during the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUNDARLAL PATWA): (a) till 31.3.1999, open irrigation wells were provided to persons below poverty line either free of cost under the Million Wells Scheme (MWS) or a source of irrigation including open irrigation well through a mix of credit and subsidy under Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP). The district-wise details of such wells provided under MWS in Himachal Pradesh